

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Helen I. Fender, a treasured resident of New Bloomfield, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on September 22, 2007, with a festive celebration to be held at Easter Seals Adult Day Services in Jefferson City; and

**Whereas**, Helen Fender came into this world in Independence on September 22, 1907, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Joseph Lawrence Layton and Zella Marvie White Layton, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, the art editor for Acacia Year Book at Graceland College in 1926, Helen Fender embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved George Edmund Fender, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and affection of five fine children; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Helen Fender was a farm wife who sewed most of the family's clothing and went on to become a seamstress at a prominent clothing store, art quilter who studied under Nancy Crowe, and artist who explored oil painting, fabric stenciling, china painting, and doll making; and

**Whereas**, Helen Fender has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her five children, Helen Irene Young, Laura Jo Cooley, Mary Margaret Bailey, Nancy Ida Best, and Lawrence Lloyd Fender; and her thirteen grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Helen Fender as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Helen I. Fender, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Danie Moore  
District No. 20

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker